

Disaster Recovery Loan Program 2019 Southeast Minnesota Flood Frequently Asked Questions

Limited funding is currently available for the Disaster Recovery Loan Program. Administrators will process loan requests on a first come, first served basis in federally declared areas as long as funding is available.

What is the Disaster Recovery Loan Program?

The Disaster Recovery Loan Program (Disaster Recovery) provides assistance as a last resort when private insurance and federal assistance are not adequate to return a damaged home to its pre-disaster condition.

How much assistance will this program provide?

Disaster Recovery is a forgivable, no-interest loan ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000 per property.

What are the eligible properties?

The property must be a residential dwelling, which includes:

- a single family detached home
- duplex | triplex | four-plex
- twin home
- town home

- condominium
- an eligible unit in a Planned Unit Development (PUD)
- manufactured home on a permanent foundation, or
- a manufactured home in a manufactured home park

What if I was a renter of a damaged apartment building?

Disaster Recovery does not assist renters.

What are the eligible uses of the loan?

The loan must be used for capital improvements to return a house to its pre-disaster-or comparable-condition, to replace an owner's home destroyed as a result of the disaster, or to repair a 1-4 unit rental property. All funded rental properties are subject to affordable rent levels.

What are the terms and condition of the loan?

No principal or interest payments are made during the term of the loan. The loan will be forgiven in 10 years as long as the home is the primary residence of the borrower, or continually owned by the landlord for that period. The loan principal must be repaid only if the borrower or landlord sells the house or if the borrower no longer uses it as a primary residence within the 10-year loan period.

Are there income limits for eligibility for this program?

No.

How will my final loan amount be determined?

The total loan amount (\$1,000 minimum, \$15,000 maximum) will be the difference between (1) the amount of any insurance proceeds and money received from SBA and (2) the amount necessary to repair a house to its condition before the flood. Disaster Recovery is intended to fill this gap up to the maximum of \$15,000. In some cases, there may be no gap and therefore no Disaster Recovery loan. Because federal resources must first be exhausted, borrowers must accept the maximum SBA loan offered to them before Disaster Recovery can be used.

What is the process for obtaining a loan?

- 1. Make sure you have applied to SBA for a physical Disaster Recovery Loan. Contact SBA for more information:
 - Call the Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800.659.2955 or 800.877.8339 for hearing impaired individuals
 - Email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov
 - Visit www.sba.gov
 - Apply online at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Account/Login
- 2. Apply for a Disaster Recovery loan with the administrator serving your county (see below). Bring as much information as you can when you apply, including your SBA loan information and any repair cost estimates. You should apply even if you do not have all this information yet and even if you have been declined a loan from SBA, as you may still be eligible for Disaster Recovery.
- 3. If you are determined eligible for Disaster Recovery, you will receive a "conditional" commitment. It is possible that the final loan could be greater or less than the conditional commitment.

Is there a deadline to apply for funding?

The deadline for Disaster Recovery is two months after the SBA application deadline. The SBA deadline is **September 30**, **2019**. The Disaster Recovery deadline is **extended to December 31**, **2019**.

What if I'm told that I am not eligible?

You still may be eligible for other forms of housing or public assistance. Ask your administrator for additional information.

Where do I apply?

Apply with the administrator serving your county:

SEMCAC

204 Elm Street Rushford, MN 55971-0549 Call Cindy at 507.864.8207 Call Amber at 507.634.4350

Counties served: Dodge, Goodhue, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, and Steele

All program information is subject to change until the final program guidelines are established for this disaster.